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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMCONSUL BUKAVU

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

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SUBJ: LIBYAN, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS DENY SUPPORT FOR REBELS IN
EASTERN ZAIRE

REF: BRUSSELS 2248 (NOTAL)

1. ON MAR 24 EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN AMBASSADORS MET WITH MOBUTU AND
THEN GAVE TV/RADIO INTERVIEW. EXPLAINED THAT MEETING DEALT PRI-
MARILY WITH ASSERTION CONTAINED IN ONE OF TWO GOB DOCUMENTS PUB-
LISHED IN BELGIAN NEWSWEEKLY SPECIAL FOR MAR 12 (REFTEL) TO
EFFECT EGYPT AND LIBYA WERE FINANCING REBELS IN EASTERN ZAIRE.
INDIGNANTLY PROTESTING "LYING REMARK", BOTH AMBS SAID THEY HAD
BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVTS TO CONFIRM THAT CHARGE
WAS PURE FABRICATION. SAID EGYPTIAN GOVT HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED
OFFICIAL DENIAL AND HAS INSTRUCTED ITS AMB IN BRUSSELS TO DO SAME.

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2. LIBYAN AMB THEN DELIVERED LONG PANEGYRIC ON MOBUTU AS AFRICAN LEADER, AND ON AFR-ARAB SOLIDARITY WHICH HE TERMED INDESTRUCTABLE IN SPITE OF DIVISIVE MANEUVERS BY IMPERIALIST-ZIONIST MALFACTORS. ADDRESSING ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC SITUATION (ALSO CITED IN DOCUMENT IN QUESTION). LIBYAN AMB SAID FOREIGN PRESS DENIGRATION IS SURE SIGN ZAIRE IS ON RIGHT PATH. HE RECALLED CONFIDENCE SHOWN BY LIBYA AND WORL BANK IN ACCORDING ZAIRE A \$200 MILLION LOAN FOR GECAMINES EXPANSION. ADDED THAT ZAIRE'S STABILITY AND WORD OF HONOR OF ITS PRESIDENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ATTRACT "OTHER HONEST INVESTORS SUCH AS GERMANY AND JAPAN."

3. COMMENT: INITIATIVE FOR TAKING SO SERIOUSLY THESE SECOND-HAND ASSERTIONS ABOUT ARAB AID TO ZAIRIAN REBELS SEEMS TO HAVE COME FROM MOBUTU. HE IS PRESUMABLY GRATIFIED BY ALACRITY WITH WHICH CAIRO AND TRIPOLI HAVE REACTED. END COMMENT.
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